

The Jesus Way to Pray

Part 7: Praying with Confidence

Luke 11:5-8

Launch

Describe your neighborhood: Who are your closest neighbors? What is your relationship with them like?

Explore

Read the passage

This passage has been interpreted to be about persistence in prayer. *How does knowing the following change the meaning?*

- The word “Suppose” is better interpreted, “Can you imagine...”
- The word “persistence” is better interpreted “shamelessness” and doesn’t apply to the person at the door, but the person inside the house.
- This passage is all about shame and honor: God wanting to replace our shame with honor and God wanting to honor his own name.

How does honor trump friendship (see verse 8)?

Apply

In your own words, summarize the main point of this story.

God not only answers our prayers because of his love for us but because he wants to honor his own name/reputation. *How does this fact give you confidence in prayer?*

Describe a time when you’ve felt ashamed. How did God remove your shame and replace it with honor?

What attribute of God do you need to cling to as you ask him to meet your needs?

Pray

Pray that we would have confidence in prayer, knowing that our Good Father wants to meet our needs.